

VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE DISCUSSES FINANCES

Tercentenary Appropriation
Bill Attacked

DEFENDED BY M'ILWAINE

Says Enterprise With Which Fitzhugh
Lee is Connected Cannot Be
Tainted With Fraud.

RICHMOND, Va., Jan. 8.—An interesting debate took place in the senate yesterday, incidentally growing out of the bill to appropriate \$500 for placing a fence around the Robert E. Lee monument.

Senator McIlwaine, of Petersburg, approved of the bill, but in doing so declared that the finance committee had under consideration the most unheeded and undemocratic tax bill. It was the most unjust proposition he had ever seen, he said. He served notice that he would fight the measure as long as he could stand in his tracks.

Senator Wickham, chairman of the finance committee, explained that under the new constitution the loss of revenue would be \$464,000. It had been contended that the railroads would make up this deficit, but he would at the proper time show that not a dollar's increase could be had in this way.

Mr. McIlwaine's Defense.

Continuing, Mr. Wickham said that Mr. McIlwaine supported the Jamestown Tercentenary appropriation of \$200,000, which he believed would finally find its way to the pockets of private individuals. Mr. McIlwaine in reply said he had favored the Jamestown bill because he did not believe any enterprise with which Fitzhugh Lee was connected could be tainted with any semblance of fraud.

Mr. Wickham declined any idea of intention of reflecting upon any gentleman.

To License Sportsmen.

The committee on game of the State legislature voted to report favorably a general game law for the State in lieu of special laws for the counties. One of the provisions of the proposed statute is an annual license of \$10 for foreign sportsmen who come to Virginia to shoot.

Sick Senator Improving.

John H. Johnson, who has just returned from Accomac county, says the condition of State Senator Legato is not serious and that he is improving.

Commissioner of Agriculture, Kerner and the Hon. George E. Murrell, of Bedford county, are developing plans for a fruit exhibit at the St. Louis Exposition, which they claim will take the premium. The other agricultural products of the State are to be shown in approved style.

REPRESENTATIVE MERCER TO URGE APPROPRIATION

No Difficulty Anticipated in Securing
Extra \$1,000,000 For District
Building.

A meeting of the House Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds will be held on Friday, at which Representative Mercer, chairman of the committee, will probably urge the appropriation of an additional \$1,000,000 for the construction of the new District building as requested by the commission in charge of the project.

There has been no regular meeting held by the committee thus far this session. An impromptu conference of the committee members was held prior to the recess, at which a general outline of the work to be done was made.

Work on the omnibus measure carrying appropriations for various public buildings asked for in different sections of the country will be begun in earnest Friday and the item for an additional million for the District building will probably be inserted.

No particular opposition is expected to the appropriation as it was generally understood that it would be granted when the original appropriation was made. At present the sum of \$900,000 is available.

UP TO MR. PAYNE TO PUNISH MACHEN

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ties in vogue in the rural free delivery division, under the direction of A. W. Machen, is the manner of purchasing supplies. It is his custom to purchase all supplies for the different headquarters in different parts of the country, from one store in each city, without much regard to the character of the supplies purchased. In New York city everything is purchased from a certain concern which ostensibly is in the paper business.

Heretofore this concern never made any pretense of dealing in or having any knowledge of carpets, furniture, and other articles that may be needed in the service of the rural free delivery. It has been supplying these articles, however, to that branch of the service, purchasing them in the open market and billing them to the Machen bureau, where all bills are settled. It has been admitted that this concern secures a 10 per cent discount on all of these articles. Just why Mr. Machen should want to favor any firm to the amount of these discounts is not clear to the lay mind. The Government's credit is usually good anywhere, and why the Government does not get this discount is a problem.

Mr. Machen's explanation is that it is easier to audit the accounts. Just why it is more laborious for his brilliant colleague to audit an account of "John Jones" than one for "Sam Smith" has never been explained.

Emanuel Speich, a \$1,500 clerk, this year spent two months in Europe, and has lately been sent on a "mission" to Marion, Ind. He is a chief of the rural service. Whether his "mission" is along the line followed by "secret agents," who overrun the country some years ago at the creation of Machen's brain, and whose depredations were put an end to by act of Congress, remains to be seen.

STATE REASONS SHIELD VENEZUELAN PAPERS

Congress Probably Must
Forego Diplomatic Notes.

It is not probable that the correspondence asked for by the House in the McCall resolution, relating to the Venezuelan controversy, will be transmitted by the State Department, at least not until after the pending difficulties have been settled.

The resolution was, as usual, drawn so as not to demand the information "if incompatible with the public interest," and it is believed that the State Department will take advantage of this to withhold from the public for the present at least the information which it has upon the subject.

It would avail but little to transmit to Congress only a portion of the correspondence and information, it is asserted. Such a course would lead to misunderstanding both as to the intention of the powers and the attitude of the United States.

As the situation regarding Venezuela is quite satisfactory there is less demand for a knowledge of the facts than there was before the holiday recess.

ALEXANDRIA NEWS NOTES.

ALEXANDRIA, Jan. 8.—One of the fashionable weddings of the season took place at 8 o'clock last night in St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal Church, when Miss Louise Packwood Burke, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Julian T. Burke, became the bride of Dr. Louis Storow Greene, of this city. The church was prettily decorated with Christmas greens and a large crowd, including many people of prominence from a distance, were present.

The chancel was decorated with palms and potted plants. The bridal party entered the church to the strains of the wedding march from "Lohengrin," played by Prof. Sherman Fowler, and during the ceremony "O Promise Me" was played. The bride entered the church on the arm of her father, Julian T. Burke, who gave her in marriage. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. P. P. Phillips, rector, assisted by the Rev. Robert K. Massie, of the Episcopal Theological seminary, of Virginia, and the Rev. William J. Morton, pastor of Christ Episcopal Church, of this city.

The bride was becomingly gowned in an exquisite creation of white embroidered liberty silk, with pearls, and carried a beautiful bouquet of bride roses and lilies of the valley. The matron of honor was Mrs. Dr. Hugh McGuire, of this city. She was gowned in pink crepe de chine with Irish lace and carried a bouquet of bride roses. Miss Sara Purvis Taylor, of this city, was maid of honor, and was gowned in pink mull with Irish lace, and carried a bouquet of bride roses. Gardner L. Bothe, of this city, was best man.

The bridesmaids were Miss Elizabeth Lloyd Lee, of this city, and Miss Anne Fitzhugh Lee, daughter of Gen. Fitzhugh Lee. They were becomingly gowned in white point d'esprit, with rose colored sashes and carried bouquets of bride roses.

Little Miss Esther Daniell Burke, sister of the bride, and Eleanor Dusingerfield Carter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Carter, of Baltimore, were flower girls. The following were the ushers: Dr. William H. Wilmer, Washington; Charles Mullikin, "Page Brooke," Virginia; Dr. George Bolling Lee, New York; Dr. Hugh McGuire, Alexandria; C. S. Taylor Burke and J. W. Burke, of Alexandria, the two last being brothers of the bride.

The ceremony was followed by a magnificent reception at the home of the bride, 719 Prince Street, at which a large number of guests were present. The parlors were prettily decorated with evergreens and poinsettias, presenting a dazzling appearance. Among these present at the reception were Gen. and Mrs. Fitzhugh Lee, Miss Mary Custis Lee, Miss Mildred Lee, of Virginia; Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Carter, Baltimore; Dr. and Mrs. William H. Wilmer, Washington; Dr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Bryan, Washington; Mr. and Mrs. Eppa Hunton, Richmond, Va., and many others. At a late hour the couple left for an extended Northern bridal tour and upon their return will reside in Alexandria.

The bride is the daughter of Julian T. Burke, a member of the banking house of Burke & Herbert, of this city, and is well known in social circles. The groom is an oculist practicing with Dr. William H. Wilmer, Washington, and is well known to society in both Alexandria and Washington.

In the United States court for the Eastern district of Virginia, Judge Edmund Waddill presiding, a verdict of guilty was rendered in the case of Richard Jackson, negro, indicted for violating the pension laws. Jackson was sentenced to serve a term of six months in the county jail at Culpeper, Va. The jury was then discharged for the term.

The case of W. H. Squiers, of the Plains, Va., indicted at Port Royal, S. C., for forging certain United States civil service papers, was brought into court and Squiers was released on \$500 bail for his appearance at Port Royal, S. C.

Eugene B. Taylor, referee in bankruptcy for this city, resigned that position.

James Kirk Fitzgibbon, who made his escape from St. Elizabeth's Insane Asylum last Monday night, and who was taken into custody in this city last Tuesday evening, was yesterday afternoon taken back in an ambulance to that institution by a doctor and some guards from the asylum on the ferryboat which left here at 4:15 o'clock. Fitzgibbon made earnest protestation against returning to the hospital, but after persuasion consented to go without force.

Cards have been issued by Mrs. Noble Lindsay, of Braddock Heights, Alexandria county, for the marriage of her daughter, Miss Alice Virginia Lindsay, to Overton Westfield Price, also of Alexandria county. The ceremony will take place at St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal church at high noon on January 28.

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OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PROPERTY.

THE TIMES in its new issue will appeal to all as a thoroughly up-to-date journal, clean in tone and full of reliable news, accurate in detail, and deserving, as it unquestionably has, the well wishes of all for a bright and prosperous future.

R. D. Simms
Superintendent of Property
Engineer Department, etc.

OFFICIALS OPTIMISTIC.

The management of the Washington, Baltimore and Annapolis Electric Railroad announced today that the road will be in operation by the first of next September. A large force of men is now at work on grading, and the work of laying the track will be commenced in the early spring. This is the company that recently purchased the Annapolis Washington and Baltimore steam railroad for \$85,000.

VALUABLE THREE-YEAR-OLD DIES OF LUNG FEVER

LEXINGTON, Ky., Jan. 8.—The promising, highly valuable three-year-old Boycott Prosser, by The Minstrel, dam Sue, by St. Martin, and a Derby possibility, owned by Lyne & Jones, died yesterday of lung fever at the Kentucky Association track.

PENSIONS FOR WASHINGTONIANS.

Original pensions have been granted Frank Grant, 88; and Daniel P. Myra, 87 (War with Spain), both of this city.

RYAN AND O'BRIEN MAY MEET IN RING

BUFFALO, Jan. 8.—Yesterday Manager Jack Herman, of the Fort Erie Club, wired an offer of \$8,500 to Tommy Ryan and Jack O'Brien to battle twenty rounds before the International Athletic Club at Fort Erie on February 23. Before O'Brien left this city a week ago, he authorized Al Weing to sign articles of agreement on his behalf without hesitation in case Ryan agreed to fight him. If Ryan accepts, the men will battle for the middleweight championship of the world, \$5,000 going to the winner.

SAKS AND COMPANY, Leaders Since 1867.

A Very Important Sale of the Finer and Finest Men's Suits.



A store that carries anything like a complete stock must have surpluses. And a surplus must either be cleared out at a sacrifice—or carried over. The latter we never do. The former we never hesitate to do—The sale becomes an expedient—the means that attains a justifiable end. Mid-January is the expedient time. So we announce the sale to begin tomorrow morning.

In many respects it is to be the most remarkable sale we have ever held. The range of Suit-values included is greater than ever before. The variety of styles is greater; the assortment of sizes is greater. Each grade represents a wider development of making-perfection.

Every Suit in this sale has its identifying mark in the Saks label—at once a guarantee of worth and workmanship—the guarantee of maker as well as retailer. A guarantee that the regular price was the fair price—and the special price is a legitimate reduction—an actual sacrifice.

It is virtually a sale at HALF PRICE.

These are Suits that were made to sell up to \$30—embracing the very finest, you see. There are a few plain weaves; and a few Double Breasted Sacks—but the great majority is in harmony with the popular demand—neat and nobby patterns—Single Breasted cut.

The choice that is offered:

Of Suits that are worth \$8.75
up to \$15, for \$8.75

Of Suits that are worth \$14.75
up to \$30, for \$14.75

Specials in Boys' Clothing.

The usual Friday Specials—small lots and odds and ends. You know how we cut prices on these occasions.

One, two, and three of a kind of Boys' Short Pants Suits; Plain and Fancy Weaves; Double Breasted, Novelty, and Sailor styles; \$1.95 Suits worth up to \$4.

Small lot of Boys' Reckers, Oxford Mixed Frieze and Plain Blue; Double Breasted, with velvet collar; worth \$3. \$1.95

Boys' Overcoats, in Tan, Red, Blue, and Brown; Double Breasted, with brass buttons and velvet collar; sizes 5, 6, and 7 years; \$2.95 worth \$4. \$2.95

About 75 pairs Boys' Separate Knee Pants; scattering sizes from 4 to 16 years, and values that have sold regularly at 50c a pair. 29c

Odds and ends Young Men's Long Pants Suits; Blue Black, and Fancy Patterns; Single and Double Breasted—values up to \$7.45. \$12.50

Odds and ends Young Men's Overcoats; Plain Black and the novelty effects that have been popular this season; cut in the most \$7.45 fashionable style; worth up to \$10. \$15c

Broken lots of Boys' Winter Underwear; fleece-lined and camel's hair; worth 25c a garment. 15c

Specials in Shoes for Men, Women and Children.

Women's Black Vel Kid, Box Calf and Patent Kid Button and Lace Shoes; newest shapes and best class of Shoe-making; \$1.65 worth up to \$3 a pair. \$1.65

Men's Black Wax Calf and Vel Kid Lace and Congress Shoes; heavy single or light double soles; stylish lasts; worth up to \$2. \$1.65

Mixed and Children's Black Vel Kid Button and Lace Shoes; good shapes, splendid weavers; scattering sizes; worth \$1.50 a pair. \$1.00

Boys' and Youths' Black Box Calf and Satin Calf Lace Shoes; \$1.39 solid leather throughout; broken sizes; worth \$2 a pair. \$1.39

Specials in Men's and Boys' Hats.

Of course, the "Dollar Sale" of Men's Derbys and Soft Hats is still running, so that is the main attraction. Cannot be anything to surpass the selling-attraction of \$2 and \$2.50 Hats for \$1. And that's what they are worth—none of them less than \$2; many of them equals or any \$3 Hats.

The very latest shapes are included—Flat-set Derbys and Stanhope Soft Hats—with the others. \$1.00

There's still good picking at \$1.00

Broken lot of Children's Sailor Hats and Camel's Hair Hats; 19c, 50c, 75c, and \$1 have been the regular prices. 21c

Boys' and Children's Stocking Caps, in scores of the pretty combinations of colors; strictly all wool and worth 25c. 21c

Specials in Men's Furnishings.

The usual grist of Friday small lots—for elegance.

Odds and ends in Men's Stiff-bosom Fancy Shirts; good a Shirt in quality as was ever sold for \$1; neat in pattern as any Shirt at 39c any price, but the sizes are scattering. 69c

Small and medium sizes of Men's Cardigan Jackets; best of the \$1.50 grade—a leader with us. 69c

Broken lot of Colored Silk Shield Bows, the kind that are made for wear with the high-band turn-down collars; worth 25c. 10c

Pure White Japanese Handkerchiefs; they have a very silky appearance, but twice the service; worth 20c. 15c

Odds and ends Men's Underwear—both Shirts and Drawers; but there are more Shirts than Drawers; fleece-lined and worth 50c. 35c

Small lot of Men's Fancy Half Hose; mostly striped effects; the kind that sells usually for 25c a pair. 15c

Saks and Company, Pa. Ave. and 7th St.